

Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) MONTHLY MPOX UPDATE

LATEST NUMBERS

- As of August 9, 2023:
 - 557 total Mpx cases (confirmed + presumed)
 - There have been 5 cases of mpx confirmed in Philadelphia since January 2023.
 - The groups of people at risk has not changed. The majority of people testing positive for mpx are still cisgender males who are Black and between the ages of 20-50.
 - 8,048 doses and 4,427 second doses have been administered.
- Every month, data on Mpx cases and vaccine distribution, including demographic characteristics, are updated [here](#).
 - The Health Department, as part of its goal to be as transparent as possible, is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to report demographics on both people who have monkeypox and vaccine recipients.
 - More detail on this dashboard is available at: <https://bit.ly/MPXDash>

LATEST EVENTS

- **AIDS Walk Philly is coming up!**
 - Sunday, October 16th, 2023
 - Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Ben Franklin Parkway
 - More information available at: [AIDS Walk Philly](#)

LATEST NEWS

- **MMWR reports show JYNNEOS most effective with both doses.**
 - Two MMWRs (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports) released in May demonstrate that the JYNNEOS vaccine is effective, and support recommended 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine consistent with CDC and NYSDOH guidance.
 - Reports are available [here](#) and [here](#).
 - Because duration of protection of 1 versus 2 doses remains unknown, persons at increased risk for mpx exposure should receive the 2-dose series as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), regardless of administration route or immunocompromised status.
 - Additionally, there was an MMWR released on the outbreak in Chicago detailing that people who had received both doses of JYNNEOS had less lesions on their genitals and eyes than people who were not vaccinated, and those who were fully vaccinated did not have to be hospitalized.
 - Report is available [here](#).
- **Low vaccine rates create risk of resurgence .**
 - The 2022 mpx outbreak in the United States has receded to very low levels. However, most jurisdictions in the United States may be at risk of resurgence or new mpx outbreaks without continued efforts to vaccinate people at risk, based on new modeling analyses.
 - The chance of an outbreak and its predicted size will likely increase over time without continued efforts to vaccinate people at highest risk of mpx exposure.
 - Vaccination, while not 100% protective, remains an important tool in preventing and mitigating infections.
 - More information on how to get vaccinated in Philly available below and [here](#).
 - More information from the CDC on the risk of mpx resurgence and vaccination considerations is available [here](#).

LATEST RESOURCES

- **Updated mpox public education materials**
 - PDPH has updated a suite of mpox materials for community members to distribute.
 - Find translated, printable and digital flyers, and more [here](#).
- **Get free HIV tests**
 - Find a provider near you or get an HIV test kit discretely mailed to your address.
 - More information at: <https://phillykeeponloving.com/hiv-testing/>
- **PDPH Resource Hubs—COVID-19 tests kits, condoms, masks, HIV test kits and more.**
 - Free resources for the community.
 - Select sites also offer on-site health screenings and STI testing.
 - For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/ResourceHubsPHL>
- **PDPH COVID test kits and masks—free!**
 - If you'd like to pick-up test kits and masks for your organization, complete [this form](#). Pick-up is at the PDPH warehouse in South Philly. If you are looking for a bulk delivery, email Rachel (Rachel.Giatras@phila.gov).
- **Reach out and connect**
 - Reach out to friends and contacts to get the emotional and logistical support you need to deal with this virus.
 - Visit www.healthymindsphilly.org, for ideas, screenings, trainings, resources, and more to support your well-being while dealing with this virus.
- **Walk up mpox vaccine clinics**
 - Mpox vaccines are now available through a network of health centers, community providers, and pharmacies.
 - The PDPH Health Center Annexes closed on June 30, 2023.
 - To learn more, find a walk-up vaccine or to make an appointment, call the health department at (215) 685-5488 or learn more [here](#).
- **Rite Aid is offering mpox vaccine by appointment and as walk-ups.**
 - The following Rite Aid locations will now offer the vaccine:
 - 3200-92 Red Lion Road | Philadelphia, PA 19114 | (215) 637-1200
 - 10 Snyder Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 465-3270
 - 2017-2023 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA 19148 | (215) 627-3151
 - 801 S 9 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 925-4481
 - 810 S Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19146 | (215) 985-0113
 - 704-720 East Passyunk Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19147 | (215) 627-3151
 - 2121 W Lehigh Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19132 | (215) 226-6479
 - 136 N 63 Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19139 | (215) 472-7820
 - 3260 N Broad Street | Philadelphia, PA | 19140 | (215) 225-9704
 - 6515 Castor Avenue | Philadelphia, PA | 19149 | (215) 535-2800
 - For more information visit: <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler>, or call to ask about hours.

LATEST IN-PERSON PDPH OUTREACH

- The Ballroom Outreach Working Group continues to meet.
- Health Department renames its Mpox Community Advisory Group (CAG) to the LGBTQ CAG.
 - The next scheduled meeting on October 18, 2023.
 - If you are interested in learning more about the CAG, please contact Terri Clark, Outreach Supervisor, Terri.Clark@phila.gov or Rachel Giatras, Program Manager, Rachel.Giatras@phila.gov

- **Call the PDPH Center at 215-685-5488 for any possible or known exposure to Monkeypox**
 - The call center will ask questions to determine risk of exposure and eligibility to be vaccinated.
 - The call center can make appointments for eligible residents to get a Monkeypox vaccine and provide guidance on quarantine, isolation, and safety following exposure.

LATEST GUIDANCE MATERIALS

- **The latest from the CDC**
 - A vaccine equity toolkit is available [here](#).
 - Visit the CDC [mpox webpage](#) for the latest updates on guidance and considerations for healthcare and service providers.
- **The latest from PDPH**
 - Visit the City's Monkeypox site: <https://www.phila.gov/monkeypox>
 - Find the latest updates, information on vaccine and testing and the data dashboard.
 - Includes frequently asked questions in Spanish and English.

STAY CONNECTED

- Please contact us with feedback and suggestions for topics you would find useful in this weekly newsletter or how we can better reach communities at risk of exposure to Monkeypox.
- This newsletter is produced by the Public Health Preparedness Program. To sign up, unsubscribe, or comment, email publichealthpreparedness@phila.gov.

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